

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1017

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A RESOLUTION to join with the good people of the City of Goodlettsville in celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to join with the individual cities and counties that comprise this great state in celebrating joyous and historic occasions; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2004, the City of Goodlettsville hosted a celebration in honor of the 150th year since the City's founding; the citizens of the historic Davidson County community joined together to enjoy fellowship and commemorate this special occasion on City Hall's lawn with music, readings, and historical narratives; and

WHEREAS, one of Middle Tennessee's earliest settlements, Mansker's Station was first referred to as "Goodlettsville" in a commercial directory in 1853; and

WHEREAS, the prevailing belief is that the community was named in honor of either Robert Goodlett, who operated the Post Office from his store, or the Reverend Adam Gibb Goodlett, a respected Presbyterian minister; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service officially changed the name of Mansker's Station to Goodlettsville on April 13, 1854; and

WHEREAS, three years later, the community's citizens petitioned the Tennessee General Assembly to incorporate the village as a town, and Goodlettsville's boundaries were outlined at that time; and

WHEREAS, 1958 saw a second incorporation of the City in response to growth that required a tax-supported base to supply services to local residents; and

WHEREAS, during the 1960s, Goodlettsville was "grandfathered" into the Metro government system, and the City has continued to thrive during the four decades since; and

WHEREAS, a century and a half after its beginning, the prosperous City of Goodlettsville possesses the requisite amenities of a modern community, upheld by an appreciation for the strength of its pioneer heritage and the courage, work ethic, and endurance inherited by its present citizenry from those who came before; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the members of this General Assembly join with the good citizens of the City of Goodlettsville in celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and express our best wishes to them for much continued happiness and prosperity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.